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SUBJECT: Minawi Letter - Ceasefire Violations & Displaced Civilians

11. (SBU) On September 4, post received a letter from SLM leader and Senior Assistant to the President Minni Minawi regarding ceasefire violations and displacements of civilians in Darfur.

12. (SBU) The text of the letter is as follows:

(Begin text)

To: The Embassy of the United States of America in the Sudan, Khartoum, Sudan

Subject: Violation of Cease Fire and displacement Of Civilians in Dar Fur

The Sudan Liberation Movement/Army (SLM/A) presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States in Sudan and would like to draw its attention on the ongoing violations of the Cease-fire and atrocities against the civilians being committed by the Janjaweed Militia in the areas of - Al Atmoud Al Akhdar, Juikhin, Legebeda,...etc, in south Darfur and the displaced people (mostly women and children) who are now grouped in Elebo village in the South-west of Buram and in Umkhairan. In addition to that atrocities are also taking place in Jabal Moun Area of West Darfur.

The Janjaweed militias are engaged through last week in killing, burning, destroying and looting of villages and properties in the above places and left more than 8000 people displaced in miserable conditions particularly in south Dar fur namely in Elebo and Umkhairan, among them many are seriously wounded and in need of immediate treatment.

In this regard the SLA like to inform you that it has repeatedly approached the GOS and asked them to take responsibilities lies upon them in accordance with the DPA provision but have taken no action.

The SLM/A while informing your office as the United being member of the Joint Commission asks your office to approach stakeholders for immediate and necessary actions to be taken in addressing the plight of these displaced people who are in desperate need for protection, food and shelter deliverance, evacuation and medical treatment.

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

Minni Arkou Minawi Senior Assistant to the President and, Chairman of the SLM/A

(End text)

13. (SBU) Comment: the letter reflects increasing SLM/A frustration with ongoing ceasefire violations and Janjaweed predations, without demonstrable evidence of Janjaweed disarmament. The SLM/A is

understandably disappointed with continuing raids, which manage to remain below the world's radar. End comment.

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